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DIRECTORURGENT.....

UNSUB, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM, EXTORTION. AT TEN THIRTY AM THIS DATE, [REDACTED] VANDERBILT STABLES, BELMONT PARK RACE TRACK, ELMONT, NY, RECEIVED LET ADDRESSED TO MR. A. VANDERBILT, BELMONT RACE TRACK, ELMONT, LI, NY, POSTMARKED SEVEN THIRTY AM, MAY THREE, FIFTYONE, AT ELMONT, NY. LET READS AS FOLLOWS.....

"DEAR MR. A. VANDERBILT, YOU WILL MEET ME AT GATE SIX OF THE BELMONT RACETRACK. WITH TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH. YOU WILL BE ALONG IN YOUR CAR AT EIGHT O-CLOCK PM, MAY TEN IF YOU TELL ANYONE I WILL KILL YOU AND WHOEVER YOU TELL AND IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY I WILL KILL YOU. P.S. THIS IS NO JOKE."

PERSONS HAVING KNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS LET ARE VICTIM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VANDERBILT STABLES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EDWARD P. COFFEY, FORMER ASST DIRECTOR, FBI.

ABOVE PERSONS INTERVIEWED FOR LOGICAL SUSPECTS, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. POSTMASTER ELMONT, NY, ADVISED INSTANT LET POSSIBLY MAILED BETWEEN

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SEVEN AM AND SEVEN THIRTY AM AT POST OFFICE THIS DATE. NAMES OF EMPLOYEES AT VANDERBILT STABLES OBTAINED AND MR. EDWARD P. COFFEY WILL FURNISH APPLICANT FINGERPRINT CARDS BEARING SIGNATURES FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. ORIGINAL LET BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU LAB THIS DATE FOR HANDWRITING EXAMINATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LATENT PRINTS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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LABORATORY

M. *[Signature]*

NY *[Signature]*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson Time of call: 7:10 a.m. DATE: May 3, 1951

FROM : Mr. Brown J.

SUBJECT: MURDER OF J. EDGAR HOOVER
RE: MURDER OF J. EDGAR HOOVER -- VICTIM

Telle. n. _____
 Last _____
 Clerk _____
 Admin. _____
 Nichols _____
 Green ☒ _____
 Tracy _____
 Eric _____
 Belmont _____
 Murr _____
 Telle. n. _____
 Lee _____
 Andy _____

To advise that agents are not being furnished to Mr. Schmitt to act as guards.

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Mr. Scholdt, New York Division, requested to be advised concerning the request previously made by Mr. Vanderbilt to have his stay with him for the next few days to afford him protection.

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Mr. Schmidt was instructed that agents could not be utilized as guards for Mr. Vanderbilt.

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Coffey also called me nite of
5/3/51 - I told him No.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 3, 1931

FROM : R. Rosen

SUBJECT: *[illegible]*
VANDERBILT - VIOLENT

With reference to the letter which Mr. Vanderbilt received the following is furnished:

He has been interviewed and the extortion letter has been obtained and is being sent to the Bureau. You will recall that according to the instructions received Vanderbilt is to be at Gate 6 with \$10,000 in money at 8:30 p.m. on May 10, 1931. If he does not bring the money he is to be killed.

Mr. Rosen has interviewed Vanderbilt and he is apparently quite calm. He has no idea of what to do. He resides at West 17th, Long Island and has an apartment in the city.

Mr. Conley who was at Vanderbilt's place at the time the Agents interviewed Vanderbilt, upon completion of the interview and outside the hearing of Mr. Vanderbilt, told the Agents that they would like very much to go word to Mr. Schmidt about this and have Mr. Schmidt call the Director personally on the matter.

Conley also indicated that Mr. Vanderbilt would like to have a guard with him for the next few days at West 17th, give him protection. It might be needed and also to advise him to what to do in the event he got any further letters, etc.

There are four leads at his house and the Agents will see Mr. Vanderbilt tomorrow again.

Very truly,
Rosen

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I do not believe that the Bureau should furnish any protection to Mr. Vanderbilt by having an Agent stay with him for the next few days. It would be a very dangerous and a very bad idea. If it was a matter of giving protection then certainly we should be guarded available to Mr. Vanderbilt through Conley's sources. I don't think an Agent should be assigned to the protection job.

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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : Mr. [illegible]
SUBJECT: [illegible]



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Letter to Director
NY 9-1673

It is requested that upon the completion of the above examinations that these cards be returned to the NY office inasmuch as they were obtained from the Thoroughbred Racing Detective Association.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 5-9-51 8:00 AM rmd

Recorded 5/9/51 pm:

Re: Unsub;
ALFRED GREENE WARD BILT-VICTIM
Extortion

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Lab. # D-131722 LJ

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Examination requested by: SAC, New York 9-1673

Date of reference communication: Letter 4/1/51

Date Received: 5/3/51

Examination requested: Document & Fingerprint ✓

Result of Examination:

Examination by: 

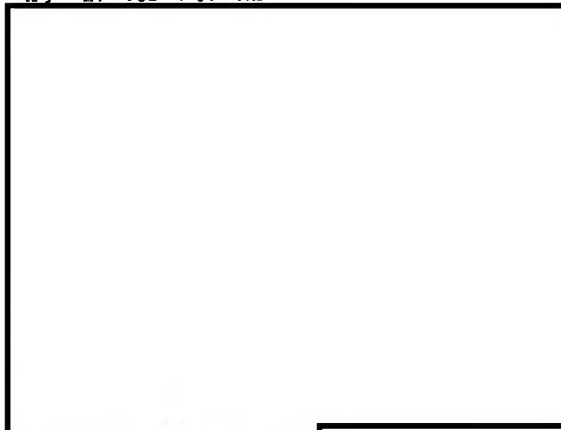
Specimens submitted for examination


Fingerprint cards of the following individuals bearing their known prints;
suspects, for comparison purposes

K1 DEPT. ROBERT JAMES



K5 DEPT. WILSON



Also on 5/19/51 Fingerprint cards of 

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5. Cal. & J.
in 11/1/51

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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New York

May 11, 1951

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 10, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the bureau telephone call of May 1, 1951.

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1673
FBI FILE NO. 9-20514
LAB. NO. 1-131966

Examination requested by New York

Reference Letter 5-1-51

Examination requested Document - fingerprint

Specimen 122 fingerprint card for [redacted] bearing his known initials.

Examination was not reached as to whether the two specimens [redacted] 9-20514-5
[redacted] 9-20514-5, whose signatures appear on the fingerprint card, due to the limited nature of the known handwriting which is not at all comparable with the questioned.

The two latent fingerprints on 122 were compared with the fingerprints of [redacted] and [redacted] but no identification effect.

Specimen 122 is returned herewith. No photographic copies of 122 are being made in the files of the Laboratory.

Enclosure - [redacted] - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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To: SAC, Baltimore

May 11, 1951

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 10, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 10, 1951.

CHARGE.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-460
FBI FILE NO. 9-20514
LAB. NO. D-131913

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Examination requested by. Baltimore

Reference Letter 5- -71

Examination requested COMMENT

Specimens

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- 120 No one-page letters dated 3-1-43 and 2-24-47, a three-page letter and envelope written from [redacted] and a four-page letter dated 1-1-41, all bearing the purported known writing of ERNEST JAMES. Also one copy of an "Employee's History Record" and five copies headed "Alfred G. Vanderbilt Racing Stable" bearing the known signatures of ERNEST JAMES.
- 121 Five copies headed "Alfred G. Vanderbilt Racing Stable," one copy of "Employee's History Record," and one "Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate," all bearing the known signatures of LESTER MURRAY.

Result of examination EX-121 RECORDED 9-20514

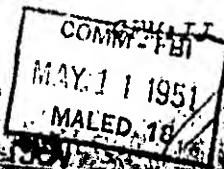
It was concluded that ERNEST JAMES, whose known handwriting is contained above as 120, did not prepare Q1 and Q2.

A definite conclusion was not reached as to whether Q1 and Q2 were prepared by LESTER MURRAY, due to the limited nature

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of his known writing which consists only of signatures. These signatures are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned handwriting.

It is noted that item one in reference letter is described as being a two-page letter while actually it consists of two one-page letters which have been stapled to each other.

In accordance with your request specimens K20 and K21 are returned herewith. Appropriate photographic copies of these documents are retained in the files of the Laboratory.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **9-460**

REPORT MADE AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	DATE WHEN MADE 5/9/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/8/51	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> /lv
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ALFRED GAYNE VANDERBILT, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Three letters written by **ERNEST JAMES** and specimens of his signature obtained at **Sagamore Farms, Glyndon, Md.** Specimens of **LESTER MURRAY**'s signature only obtained at **Sagamore Farms.** Both **MURRAY** and **JAMES** usually obtained advances on their salary which is not unusual among the **VANDERBILT** employees. **JAMES** borrowed \$250 in March, 1951 and is repaying it on installments. Descriptions of **JAMES** and **MURRAY** set forth. Handwriting specimens are being forwarded to the F.B.I. Laboratory.

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DETAILS: AT GLYNDON, MARYLAND

Sagamore Farms, advised that he is employed by **ALFRED GAYNE VANDERBILT**, owner of the **Sagamore Farms.**

made available certain records which reflected that **LESTER MURRAY** was employed by the **Sagamore Farms** in 1947, and other records indicated that **JAMES** has been employed at the **Sagamore Farms** since 1937.

furnished three letters written by **JAMES** to It was stated that each of these letters was believed to be in the handwriting of **JAMES.** They are further described as follows:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>C. H. Harrison</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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1. A letter dated March 1, 1951, from the [redacted] [redacted] South Carolina, bearing the signature of "Lester [redacted]" a two-page letter signed "Lester" and a return address [redacted] returned to [redacted] February 15, 1951.

2. A letter [redacted] [redacted] size" written from [redacted] [redacted] signed [redacted] This is a two page letter half page letter [redacted] [redacted] Attached is an envelope addressed to [redacted]

3. The third letter is dated March 21, 1951, [redacted] [redacted] and the salutation is "Hello [redacted]" This is a four page letter signed "Lester" [redacted]

[redacted] furnished a form known as "Employee's History Record" which bears the signature of [redacted] A. JAMES.

In addition to the above material, [redacted] made available five yellow sheets of accounting paper headed up "Alfred C. Vanderbilt Racing Stable." He stated that each of the employees was allowed additional money while he was working in California. Each of these five sheets bears the signature of both JAMES and LESTER. The five sheets are described as follows:

1. Travelling and expenses for the Period Ending January 15, 1951.
2. Travelling and expenses for the Period Ending January 31, 1951.
3. Travelling and Expenses for the Period Ending February 15, 1951.
4. Travelling and Expenses for the Period Ending February 28, 1951.
5. Travelling and Expenses for the Period Ending March 15, 1951.

In addition to the above [redacted] furnished one copy of the "Employee's History Record" for LESTER LESTER which contains LESTER's signature and one copy of "Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate" bearing [redacted]'s signature also.

All of the above material is being sent to the F.B.I. Laboratory for an appropriate examination.

Continuing, [redacted] stated that LESTER JAMES earns a salary of \$275 per month plus whatever amount he obtains from the "stakes." It was explained that employees are allowed a certain amount of the racing prizes when a horse that employee works with wins a stake

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1950. It was explained that JAMES has been employed as an exercise boy, and he obtains advances during almost every pay period amounting to \$20 and \$35. Occasionally these advances run more than that. [redacted] pointed out that JAMES had two \$100 advances on the following dates: August 15 and August 31, 1950.

[redacted] stated that these advances are not unusual, and explained that a number of the employees are granted advances between pay-days, which are two weeks apart.

[redacted] related that JAMES borrowed \$250 about March, 1951, and he signed a note for this amount on April 3, 1951. He is arranged to repay this loan through reductions from his pay. To date he has paid a total of \$50 toward retiring this note.

[redacted] advised that LESTER MURRAY, a groom employed at the Sagamore Farms, is paid at the rate of \$125 per month plus his earnings from stakes. It was explained that MURRAY may earn from \$500 to \$1,600 over the period of one year from these stakes.

It was pointed out that JAMES' earnings from stakes amounted to about \$300 to \$1,600 per year.

[redacted] requested that all of the material described previously in this report be returned to him when it has served its purpose. He advised that this material contained the only available identifying specimens of ARREST JAMES and LESTER MURRAY.

The following descriptions were obtained from the "Employee's History Record" at the Sagamore Farms:

Name	LESTER MURRAY
Date of Birth	August 15, 1890
Position	Groom at the Sagamore Farms
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
[redacted]	
Education	None
Health	Good
Height	5' 4"
Weight	210 pounds
Place of Birth	Norfolk, Virginia
Nationality	American
Address	Sagamore Farms, Glyndon, Maryland
Social Security No.	[redacted]

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Name	ERNEST R. JAMES
Position	Exercise Boy
Date of Birth	September 3, 1907
Place of Birth	Niagara Falls, New York
Nationality	American
Race	White
Address	Sagamore Farms, Glyndon, Maryland
Sex	Male
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Health	Good
Height	5' 5"
Weight	110 pounds
Marital Status	Single
Name of Person to be Notified in Case of Emergency	[REDACTED]
Education	Elementary
Formerly known as	[REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: New York teletype to Bureau and Baltimore dated 5/7/51.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 11, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION;
FEDERAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

Call: 3:55 p.m.

ASAC Hargett called from New York and advised that an authorized complaint had been filed against subject in connection with the above-captioned violation; that the subject had been arraigned before the United States Commissioner and in default of \$1,000 bond was being taken by the United States Marshal to the Federal House of Detention on West Street, where he will be held segregated from the older prisoners until different arrangements can be made.

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cc - Mr. Nichols

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 11, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

ALFRED GWYNNE VANDEBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION;
FEDERAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

Call: 2:45 p.m.

ASAC Hargett, New York, telephonically advised that United States Attorney Frank J. Parker of the Eastern District of New York, after interviewing the [REDACTED] has authorized filing Federal process charging a violation of the Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act. The boy will be arraigned at 3:15 p.m. today, and the United States Attorney has requested \$1,000 bond.

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cc - Mr. Nichols

I am glad that at last common sense is prevailing over sentimentality.

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UNSUB, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT, VICTIM., EXTORTION. BALTO CONTACT
[REDACTED] SAGAMORE FARMS, GLYNDON, MARYLAND, AND OBTAIN ALL
HANDWRITING IN FILES PERTAINING TO LESTER MURRAY AND ERNEST JAMES,
BOTH OF WHOM ARE EMPLOYED BY VICTIM AT BELMONT PARK RACETRACK, WHO
ARE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS IN INSTANT CASE. SAGAMORE FARMS ALSO OWNED
BY VICTIM AND ALL EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENCE MAINTAINED THERE. FORWARD
SPECIMENS IMMEDIATELY TO FBI LAB, ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HARBO.
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cc: Sro. hoo to

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 10, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ALFRED GEORGE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Call: 9:22 a.m.

ASAC Hargett, New York, telephonically advised that Mr. Vanderbilt has decided that he wants to personally appear at Gate Six at the Belmont Race Track tonight for the pay-off which the extortionist has set for 8 p.m. SAC Scheidt will have over-all supervision of the activities from the radio control station in the New York Office, and ASAC Hargett will afford on-the-spot supervision, heading a squad of approximately twenty-five Agents.

Mr. Vanderbilt will drive his personally owned automobile to the track, leaving home at 7:30 p.m. This will enable him to arrive at Gate Six at 7:55 p.m. Special Agent [redacted] with walkie-talkie radio equipment, will be hidden in the back of Mr. Vanderbilt's car. While proceeding from his home to the track, Mr. Vanderbilt will be surveilled by a car containing Mr. Hargett and other Bureau Agents. This is to make certain that the extortionist is not surveilling Mr. Vanderbilt.

Gate Six faces on Hempstead Avenue, which carries heavy automobile traffic. There is a wooded area with several buildings in the vicinity. A cordon of Agents will cover the pay-off spot by utilizing several houses and three stables which are in the immediate area.

The Bureau's sound truck will be in the area and will have a sign on it indicating it belongs to a feed distributor. Additional automobiles will be held in readiness at appropriate distances throughout the pay-off area.

Mr. Hargett has assured that every precaution has been taken to insure the personal safety of Mr. Vanderbilt. Hargett has conducted a discreet trial run of the plans, and everything is in readiness. Mr. Vanderbilt has indicated that he will stay at the gate for a period of approximately thirty minutes, and that if the extortionist does not show by 8:30 he will return home.

ACTION TAKEN:

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ASAC Hargett was instructed to keep the Bureau informed by telephone of every development and to make certain that the Bureau is advised immediately of the events that transpire at the scene of the pay-off tonight.

cc - Mr. Nichols

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

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To: SAC, New York

May 14, 1951

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 14, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 14, 1951.

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[Redacted]
ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT,
VIENNA

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1673
FBI FILE NO. 9-20514
LAB. NO. D-132062 A

Examination requested by New York
Reference Letter 5-11-51
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Specimens

K23 An envelope and three sheets of paper bearing handwriting specimens of [Redacted]
ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of [Redacted]

Result of examination:

It was concluded that [Redacted] K23, pronounced the handwriting on Q1 and Q2.

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

Specimen K23 is returned herewith. Photographic copies of K23 are retained in the files of the Laboratory. [Redacted]

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May 14, 1951

Director, FBI Att: FBI Laboratory
 Att: Assistant Director Harbo
SAC, New York

UNKNOWN SUBJECT
PHILLIP HIRSCH, AUSA, EDNY VICTIM
EXTORTION

There is enclosed a letter postmarked 5/13/51 at Brooklyn, New York, addressed to Assistant U. S. Attorney HIRSCH, Brooklyn Federal Building, Brooklyn, New York, which letter reads as follows:

"Show this to ALFRED G. VANDERBILT or else

"You caught my stooge. Now come across with \$15,000 or you'll be dead in 5 days! If you'll cooperate put an ad in the want ad's of the World Telegram saying

'Boy Wanted
Good Pay
Call DE 2-8400'
(DE ATH)

"K. ILLER

"I.S. I've really got a gun."

It is requested that this communication be afforded a document-fingerprint examination.

The following employees of the USA's office, EDNY, are known to have handled this communication:

PHILLIP HIRSCH, AUSA

GEORGE PERCY, AUSA

Clerks

It is requested that this communication be afforded expedition attention and that the communication be returned to the New York Office in the event the communication is requested to return it to the subject.

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SAC, NEW YORK

UNSUB; ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT VIKER. REURLET MAY FOUR. SIGNATURES
FINGERPRINT CARDS LIMITED AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY COMPARABLE HANDWRITING
ON EXTORTION LETTER AND ENVELOPE FOR DEFINITE CONCLUSION TO BE
REACHED. FROM SUCH AN EXAMINATION AS CAN BE MADE OF LIMITED KNOWN
HANDWRITING NOTHING PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT NOTED ANY FINGERPRINT
CARDS EXCEPT SIGNATURES ERNEST ROBERT JAMES AND LESTER MURRAY.
SUGGEST ADDITIONAL UNDICTATED KNOWN HANDWRITING JAMES AND MURRAY
BE OBTAINED WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST
NOTHING BE DONE WHICH WOULD ALERT THEM TO POSSIBILITY THIS LINE
OF INQUIRY PRIOR TO PAYOFF. LATENTS DEVELOPED ON ENVELOPE ALL
IDENTIFIED WITH FINGERPRINTS OF [REDACTED] TWO LATENT
FINGERPRINTS ON LETTER COMPARED WITH ALL FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED
NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED. FINGERPRINT CARDS WILL BE HELD UNTIL
AFTER PAYOFF DATE AND WILL THEN BE RETURNED TO YOUR OFFICE. REC.

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SAC, NEW YORK

UNSUB; ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VIKEX. REURLET MAY THREE.
NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED SEARCH ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE.
PORTION OF US GOVERNMENT WATERMARK CONTAINED IN PAPER USED
FOR LETTER. NO WATERMARK IN ENVELOPE PAPER. LETTER AND
ENVELOPE TREATED FOR LATENT FINGERPRINTS. [REDACTED]

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EVIDENCE AND REPORT FOLLOW BY REMD.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : *WJ* Assistant Director ROY T. HARBO, FBI Laboratory
 SAC, New York
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
 LAB. NO. D 131696 DJ

DATE: May 8, 1951

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There is enclosed, for document fingerprint examination in connection with the above-captioned subject, a fingerprint card for [REDACTED] an employee of the victim at Belmont Park Race Track.

It is also suggested that the fingerprint card of [REDACTED] be afforded a document fingerprint examination. [REDACTED] also is an employee of the [REDACTED].

ENCLOSURE PROCESSING

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICERecorded
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khlLaboratory Work Sheet Recorded 5-12-51 9:00 AM ambUNKNOWN SUBJECT
ALFRED G. BROWN - UNDERBILT
Re: VIKEYFile # 9-20514-1 ✓
Lab. # D-131966 DJb6
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Lab File

Examination requested by: New York (9-1673)

Date of reference communication: Let 5-8-51

Date received: 5-10-51

Examination requested: Doc. fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Specimens submitted for examinationK22 Fingerprint card for bearing his known signature.*Alfred G. Brown 16 7990**2:50 PM 5/11/51**0516
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

MAY 10, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

UNSUB., ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT; VIKEX. REURLET MAY EIGHT. DEFINATE
CONCLUSION NOT REACHED WHETHER LETTER AND ENVELOPE WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS SIGNATURES THEIR FINGERPRINT CARDS LIMITED AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY
COMPARABLE. TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LETTER COMPARED WITH FINGERPRINTS
[REDACTED] AND NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

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TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 10, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen / a

Calls: 9:02 p.m.
10:25 p.m.

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

SAC Scheidt advised that [REDACTED] a 15 year old boy, was taken into custody by Bureau Agents at 8:20 p.m. tonight when he appeared at the pay-off location at Belmont Race track designated in a \$10,000 extortion note to Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt. The boy admitted having written the extortion note. He was released to the custody of his parents upon instructions of U. S. Attorney Frank Parker of the Eastern District of New York who indicated further consideration would be given the case in the morning.

[REDACTED] claimed that he had written the extortion note after having seen Mr. Vanderbilt's photograph in a racing journal. He said that it was his own idea; that no one prompted him to write it; and that he really didn't think anyone would take it seriously. He added that he appeared at the pay-off spot just to see what would happen. He was taken into custody without incident when he loitered around the pay-off location for about 20 minutes after Mr. Vanderbilt arrived in his automobile.

Mr. Vanderbilt, who previously indicated his concern over receiving the extortion note, advised SAC Scheidt in New York after the arrest was made that he was greatly relieved and highly pleased at the efficient manner in which this case had been handled by the Bureau.

ACTION TAKEN:

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In accordance with the instructions of the U. S. Attorney, [REDACTED] was released to the custody of his parents.

In view of the age of the subject and since no Federal Process has been issued, Mr. Nichols indicated that the New York Division should not issue a press release and Mr. Scheidt was so advised.

Spencer Drayton is being informed by Mr. Scheidt of the developments.

cc: Mr. Nichols
PLP:rt
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*Certainly "myahny" handling
of a potential criminal -*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson
 FROM : L. B. Nichols
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: May 11, 1951

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ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

ASAC Hargett of New York called Holloman this morning for authority to make a press release in the above-captioned case.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt received an extortion letter threatening his life if he did not leave \$10,000 at Gate #6, Belmont Race Track at 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 1951. The New York Office covered this area last night and observed the subject who is a 15-year-old boy and in the 8th grade at school hiding behind trees and cars and carrying a cap pistol. He was surveilled and at dark was approached by the Agents. After talking to him for about one hour he admitted writing the extortion letter.

He comes from a family in which there are five girls and both the mother and father work. The family lives near Belmont Race Track.

Last night the Assistant United States Attorney in New York was contacted and he recommended against placing this boy in jail and recommended that he be placed in the custody of his parents and that this morning the United States Attorney would talk to the boy and would decide as to what to do. Mr. Hargett stated that in all probability there would be no prosecution but that the boy would be placed in the custody of his parents under the system that is followed in New York in the handling of juveniles. 20014-18

Mr. Vanderbilt is very happy over the solution of the case and was amazed at its success. He is very happy and excited over the apprehension of the boy and has interposed no objection to a press release.

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The New York Office last night felt that there should be no press release as there would be no prosecution but this morning Mr. Hargett and Mr. Scheidt recommend that in view of the fact that Mr. Vanderbilt is the victim and that there necessarily will be publicity on the matter in view of the number of people at the race track and in the United States Attorney's office who know about the case that a short statement to the press should be made; that such a statement to the press would merely reflect the facts, would not name the boy, and would state that the facts had been presented by the New York Office to the United States Attorney's office who had recommended last night the release of the boy to the custody of his parents. They felt that such a release would be of credit to the

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson
Re: [redacted]

May 11, 1951

Bureau as the boy was not placed in jail but was returned to his parents last night.

The United States Attorney was to talk to the boy this morning and if he does authorize prosecution which is not likely of course these facts will be made known to the press without naming the boy.

I approved the above procedure and the New York Office is making a short statement to the press in line with the above instructions.

V. [signature]

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I don't share much mandarin sentimentality. A 15 year old boy certainly is not just a "little child". It is this type of mushy thinking that breeds the viciousness of young hoodlums & gangs. If Mr. D. Atty. would do anything then try & get State authorities to apt. to merely return him to his parents & such parents as they are will result in nothing good.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

May 5, 1951

To: SAC, New York

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 4, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 4, 1951.

Re: Unknown Subject
ALFRED "TIT" VANDEBILT
VICTIM

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO. 6-131696

Examination requested by: New York
Reference: Letter dated 4-3-51
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Specimens:

- Q1 Envelope addressed to Mr. A. VANDEBILT, Belmont Race-track, 1000 Long Island, New York, postmarked May 3, 1951, 7:10 A.M.
- Q2 Accompanying letter beginning "Dear Mr. A. VANDEBILT: You will be interested to know that..." ending "...this is no joke."

Results of Examination:

Q1 and Q2 were examined with the appropriate portions of the anonymous letter file. Out of the 1000 copies of the photograph copies of the document were being made for future reference and comparison.

Q1 is a social note, a slip of paper, which is color and has a white line at the top. It is approximately 1/2 inch wide and 1/4 inch high. It was found at the time of the examination of the evidence.

Q2 is a sheet of paper, 1/3 by 1/2 inch, which was found at the time of the examination of the evidence. It is a letter addressed to Mr. A. VANDEBILT, Belmont Race-track, 1000 Long Island, New York, postmarked May 3, 1951, 7:10 A.M.

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DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

Q1 and Q2 were treated for latent fingerprints by the iodine method and you will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination. Neither of these documents was treated with silver nitrate inasmuch as this process would alter the original evidence in such a way that the subject would observe the change in the event it is necessary to return these documents to him. In the event Q1 and Q2 are not returned to the subject you may desire to resubmit them to the Laboratory in order that they may be treated for latent fingerprints by the silver nitrate method.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are returned herewith. Photographic copies of these documents are retained in the files of the Laboratory.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : *EJ* Alt: Ass't Dir. HARBO, FBI Laboratory
 SAC, New York
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
 ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

DATE: May 3, 1951

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There is enclosed an anonymous letter addressed to Mr. A. VANDERBILT, Belmont Race-track, Elmont, Long Island, New York, postmarked May 3, 7:30 A.M., 1951, which reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. A. VANDERBILT

"You will meet me at gate 6 of the Belmont race-track. With 10 thousand dollars in cash you will be along in your car at 8 o'clock P.M. May 10 if you tell anyone I will kill you and whoever you tell and if you do not have the money I will kill you.

"P. S. this is not a joke."

It is requested that this letter be processed for latent prints and also that the handwriting be compared with the anonymous letter file. Elimination prints of the known individuals who handled the letter as well as prints of suspects and handwritten signatures of the latter will be forwarded 5/4/51 for comparison with any latent prints developed and with the handwriting in the anonymous letter.

It is also requested that this letter be immediately returned to the New York Division in the event the subject should request the victim to return it.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 5-12-51 9:00 AM amb

May 5, 1951

Re: AL, New York

File # 9-20514-14

Here follows the report of the FBI Laboratory Lab. # examination of evidence received from your office on May 4, 1951. This report confirms and supersedes the Bureau's teletype of May 4, 1951.

Examination requested by:

Date of reference communication:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by
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on York

Letter dated 4-5-51

Document - Fingerprint

- Specimens submitted for examination are track,
- 1 Envelope addressed to AL, New York, postmarked May 3, 1951, 7:30 AM.
 - 2 Accompanying letter beginning "Dear Mr. A. VANDEBILT. You will meet me at gate....," ending "P. S. this is no/ a joke."

Result of Examination:

Q1 and Q2 were compared with the appropriate sections of the anonymous letter file without effecting an identification. Appropriate photographic copies of these documents are being added to this file for future reference and comparison purposes.

Q1 is a small correspondence style of envelope which is white in color and has a light blue lining on the inside. This lining has white wavy lines running through it at regular intervals. This envelope measures approximately 4 by 7 1/2 inches and bears no watermark. No stamp was present on this and the evidence was received by the laboratory.

Q2 is a sheet of white bond finish paper which measures approximately 10 1/2 by 7 1/2 inches. This sheet of paper bears a fragmentary watermark which appears to be the Great Seal watermark, which is used on most of the paper used by the United States Government.

Q1 and Q2 were treated for latent fingerprints by the iodine method and you will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination. Neither of these documents was treated for silver nitrate inasmuch as this process would alter the original evidence in such a way that the subject would observe the change in the event it is necessary to return these documents to him. In the event Q1 and Q2 are not returned to the subject you may desire to retain them at the Laboratory in order that they may be treated for latent fingerprints by the silver nitrate method.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are returned herewith. Photographic copies of these documents are retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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ATTACHED ENCLOSURE

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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[REDACTED] ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, VIKEX, JUVENILE
DELINQUENCY ACT. EXTORTION PLANT COVERAGE AT GATE SIX, BELMONT PARK
RACE TRACK FROM SEVEN FORTY FIVE PM TO EIGHT THIRTY PM MAY TENTH,
FIFTYONE. SUBJ, A YOUTH AGED FIFTEEN, OBSERVED LOITERING AT AND ABOUT
LOCATION OF PAYOFF, GATE SIX BELMONT PARK RACETRACK. SUBJ UPON
LEAVING SCENE OF PAYOFF AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TWENTY FIVE PM WAS
QUESTIONED BY BUREAU AGENTS AND ADMITTED WRITING AND MAILING EXTOR-
TION LETTER TO VICTIM ON STATIONERY OBTAINED FROM HIS SISTER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PER INSTRUCTIONS OF USA FRANK J. PARKER, EDNY, SUBJ RELEASED
IN CUSTODY OF HIS PARENTS DURING NIGHT OF MAY TENTH FIFTYONE.
SUBJ FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT AND ADMITTED GUILT THIS DATE.
HANDWRITING SPECIMENS OBTAINED. AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED
BEFORE USC EDWARD FAY, EDNY, THIS DATE BY SA [REDACTED]
VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC, SECTIONS FIVE ZERO THREE ONE AND
EIGHT SEVEN SIX. SUBJ ARRAIGNED BEFORE USC FAY. BAIL SET AT ONE
THOUSAND DOLLARS AND SUBJ REMANDED TO FEDERAL HOUSE OF DETENTION IN
DEFAULT. HANDWRITING SPECIMENS AND FINGERPRINTS BEING FORWARDED TO
BUREAU FOR FINGERPRINT AND DOCUMENT EXAMINATION THIS DATE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EDNY, ADVISED AND ARRANGE-
MENTS MADE TO LODGE SUBJ IN SEPARATE QUARTERS AT FEDERAL HOUSE OF
DETENTION. MAY 11 1951

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Called [REDACTED]

Called Laboratory [REDACTED]

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 3, 1951

FROM : Mr. Nichols

CALL 10:42 a.m.

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
LEWIS GUYER; JAMES ABILT, VICTIM
CALO 1246

James Hargett, New York, called and advised that Alfred Swynn Vanderbilt, prominent sportsman, had today received through the mail at Belmont Park an extortion letter demanding that he make a payment of \$10,000 or that harm would befall him. The payoff is to be set on May 10, 1951, and instructions are given that the payoff be made through a contact to be met at Belmont Park, in the early morning of May 9, 1951.

Mr. Abilt called Mr. Coffey of the Incorporated Racing Association and relayed the matter to S.D. Scheldt.

Hargett stated that the exact wording of the note was not known but that the amounts were en route to Belmont Park to insure the victim and secure the note. 20514-21

Mr. Hargett was instructed to keep the Bureau closely advised of all developments.

cc Mr. Nichols

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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SAC BALTIMORE
SAC NEW YORK

UNSUB, ALFRED GWYNNE VANLERBILT, VIKEX. REBALET MAY EIGHT.
CONCLUDED EXTORTION LETTER AND ENVELOPE NOT WRITTEN BY ERNEST
JAMES. DEFINITE CONCLUSION NOT REACHED WHETHER LETTER AND
ENVELOPE WRITTEN BY LISTER MURRAY BECAUSE KNOWN WRITING CONSISTS
ONLY OF SIGNATURES WHICH ARE LIMITED AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY
COMPARABLE.

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Re: UNSUB, ALBERT G. HENRY VANDERHILT
Victim
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The above listed material is being forwarded to the Laboratory for an
examination on which has been requested by the New York Office.

[redacted] no furnished the above material, requested that all of
it be returned to him when it has served its purpose. He also advised
that these were the only available handwriting specimens of ERNEST JAMES
and LISTER DELAY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : Attention: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HARBO
SUBJECT: SAC, NEW YORK
FBI LABORATORY

DATE: May 11, 1951.

[Redacted] Subject;
[Redacted] Victim

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Request Document-Fingerprint examination.

There are enclosed specimens of Subject's handwriting contained on three individual sheets of paper similar to paper on which extortion note was written. There is enclosed also an envelope similar to that in which instant extortion letter was contained. This envelope bears handwriting of Subject.

Enclosed a sheet of Subject's fingerprints.
Request of examination. //

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[Redacted]

SUBJ, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT, VICTIM, / /

EXTORTION, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT. SUBJ ARRAIGNED ON INFO AS
JUVENILE DELINQUENT IN CHAMBERS OF FEDERAL JUDGE INCH, EDNY. TRIAL
SET FOR ELEVEN AM, MAY TWENTY FIRST NEXT. ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BAIL
CONTINUED. SUBJ REMANDED TO FHD IN DEFAULT.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

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SAC, NEW YORK

[REDACTED] ALFRED CYNTHIA VANDERBILT, VICTIM.

RECEIVED MAY ELEVEN. CONCERNED Q ONE AND Q TWO WRITTEN BY
MARTINE HERMANN. TWO LATE FINGERPRINTS ON Q TWO IDENTIFIED
AS FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT.

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[REDACTED] SUBJ, ALFRED GWYNN VANDERBILT, VICTIM,
EXTORTION. FEDERAL JUDGE ROBERT A. INCH, EDNY, THIS DATE RECOM-
MENDED THAT SUBJ BE SENTENCED FOR THE TERM OF HIS MINORITY TO THE
NATURAL BRIDGE CAMP IN GREENLEE, VA..

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TO : MR. LADD/

FROM : A. ROSEN *Re*

DATE: May 24, 1951

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
FEDERAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

[REDACTED] was sentenced this morning by Federal Judge Robert Inch, JUDGE, to the custody of the Attorney General "for the term of his minority." This sentence will be served in the Natural Bridge Camp at Greenlee, Virginia, according to Supervisor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a juvenile who wrote the extortion note to Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt demanding \$10,000 under threat of death. He was previously arrested by Bureau Agents at Belmont Race Track on May 10, 1951.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 5, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

ALFRED GIBSON VANDERBILT - VICTIM
EXTORTION
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

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For the Bureau's information, a detailed description, together with a diagram of the techniques and methods employed to cover the pay-off scene in the above captioned case, may be found in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated June 5, 1951 at New York.

It is pointed out that the use of radio equipment in this instance proved highly valuable and enabled the command car to properly direct a surveillance of the subject during a period of approximately forty minutes. The suspicious actions of the subject as observed by each post set up were coordinated at the command car and the command car issued instructions to surveil the suspect which might not have developed were there not constant radio contact with all points.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **9-1673** **88**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5/17/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/3-5, 7-11, 14, 17/51	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Victim received a letter postmarked 5/3/51 at Elmont, NY, addressed to him at Pelmont and Brook. Victim was threatened with death in instant letter if he did not appear at 1 to 6 on 5/10/51 at 8:00 p.m. with \$1,000. Immediate investigation failed to disclose the identity of subject. Instant letter forwarded to Laboratory and latent prints developed. Pay-off covered by Bureau and subject, a youth 15 years of age, observed loitering in vicinity in a suspicious manner. When questioned by agents, subject admitted writing and mailing instant letter. Subject, per instructions of USA, EDNY, permitted to remain in custody of parents on night of 5/10/51. On 5/11/51 subject taken into custody. Fingerprints, handwriting specimens and signed statement obtained. Subject's prints and handwriting identified by FBI Laboratory. Authorized complaint filed and subject arraigned before SD, EDNY on 5/11/51 as a juvenile delinquent in violation of Title 18, Sections 5031 and 876. Probation Officer, EDNY advised that subject remanded to Federal House of Detention in default of \$1,000 bond. Subject arraigned on information before Federal Judge ROBERT A. INCH, EDNY, on 5/17/51, and on 5/21/51 subject found guilty in trial in Federal House of Detention. On 5/24/51

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:
Edward A. Tamm

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1 - New York

1 - Elmont, NY

1 - Pelmont and Brook

1 - [illegible]

1 - [illegible]

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 10/1/83 BY SP-10 JAL

Judge INGH recommended that subject be sentenced for term of minority to Natural Bridge Camp, Greenlee, Virginia. Description of subject and victim set out.

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DETAILS: This is a joint investigation of the following Agents: Special Agent in Charge EDWARD SCHEIDT, Assistant Special Agent in Charge EDWARD E. MARGETT, and SAS

On May 3, 1951, [redacted] of the Thoroughbred Protective Bureau, advised this office that ALFRED STEIN had received an extortion note addressed to him at his stables, Belmont Park Race Track, on the morning of May 3, 1951.

Accordingly, SA [redacted] and the writer proceeded to Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, Long Island, and [redacted] the Vanderbilt stables, advised that at approximately 10:00 a.m. on May 3, 1951, he received a letter addressed to the victim. Inasmuch as the handwriting in the envelope was very poor, [redacted] concluded that the writer was probably an individual employed at the stables, and, based on the custom in correspondence of this type, he opened the letter.

[redacted] exhibited the letter to Mr. A. VAN DYKE, 100 3rd Avenue, Track, Elmont, Long Island, and was postmarked "New York, May 3rd, 7:30 a.m. The letter read as follows:

Thorp W. A. Vanderbilt

"You will meet me at gate 6 of the airport with 10 thousand dollars in cash. I will be alone. In my car at 8 o'clock P.M. I will be waiting for you. I will kill you and I will take the money. I will be alone."

and that he then telephonically returned the letter to the victim. Without this information he could think of any logical suspect.

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[] was requested to maintain a trash coverage in the dormitory maintained for VANDERBILT's employees at the track and to obtain, if possible, samples of stationery from the various employees.

[] turned the letter over to SA [] and the writer and it was exhibited to Mr. VANDERBILT at the office of the Thoroughbred Racing Association, Room 925, Chrysler Building, Lexington Avenue, New York City, on the afternoon of May 3, 1951. VANDERBILT at that time could not think of any logical suspects and he returned the letter to the writer so that it could be processed by the FBI Laboratory. Mr. VANDERBILT, at the time of the initial interview, voluntarily agreed to simulate a lay-off at Gate 6, Belmont Park Race Track at 9:00 a.m. on May 10, 1951, per the instructions in the extortion letter, in the event the subject was not identified in the interim.

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The extortion letter was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on May 3, 1951 for a document and fingerprint examination. On May 4, 1951 a number of applicant fingerprint cards containing signatures pertaining to the employees of the Vanderbilt stables were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for a comparison purposes, together with the fingerprint cards [] for elimination purposes.

On May 5, 1951, the FBI Laboratory advised that latent fingerprints were developed in the extortion letter and that the sheet of paper on which the note was written bore a fragmentary watermark which appeared to be the government watermark which is used on most paper used by the United States Government. As a result of the above information, stationery stores in the vicinity of Belmont Park Race Track were canvassed with negative results.

Inasmuch as instant letter was postmarked at Elmont, New York, 7:30 a.m., May 3, 1951, [] at Elmont, New York, was interviewed for the purpose of establishing, if possible, the exact time that instant letter was mailed and the location of the mailbox in which it was dropped. [] stated that inasmuch as the letter was postmarked 7:30 a.m. there was a good possibility that the letter was mailed sometime between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. at the Elmont Post Office on the morning of May 3rd, since mail picked

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up from the outlying boxes on the night before was run through the cancelling machine prior to 7:00 a.m. on that date. [redacted] could think of no one who was in the post office between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. on May 3, 1951 with the exception of [redacted]

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[redacted] was located and interviewed on the evening of May 3, 1951 by SA [redacted] and the writer, and he advised that on the morning of May 3, 1951 he picked up his mail as usual between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m., but that during the period while he was at the post office he did not observe any other individuals there. Before interviewing [redacted] it was determined that he had been employed at the Whitney Stables for the past twenty years and was considered a reliable and trustworthy employee.

On May 10, 1951, the following arrangements were made to cover the pay-off at Gate 6, Belmont Park Race Track:

A detailed survey of the area in and around Gate 6, as well as the entire track and surrounding areas, was made. Appropriate maps of the area were obtained. The survey indicated that the area in which the pay-off was to take place contained trees, hedges, flower houses and stables, which offered a number of problems in view of the fact that there was no light whatsoever except at Gate 6 at 8:00 p.m., the scheduled time of the pay-off. At this time of the year, in that area, it is just about dusk at 8:00 p.m.

Gate 6 is located on the north side of Hempstead Turnpike, a main highway artery running east and west, containing six lanes heavily trafficked at high speeds. The mouth of the entrance to Gate 6 narrows down from a width of forty feet at Hempstead Turnpike to a width of twenty feet at the gate, which lies twenty feet in from Hempstead Turnpike. An iron picket fence six feet high curves in on each side of the mouth and the visibility on the track side of the fence is obscured by a hedge about five feet tall. A drive twenty feet wide extends directly north from the gate for a distance of 240 feet where it forms a T intersection with another drive running north and south to the stable area.

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The victim, per instructions, drove inside Gate 6 and parked his auto at approximately 7:57 p.m., facing north on the east side of the drive just inside of the gate. On the floor in the rear of the victim's auto, an agent, small in stature, was concealed with a shotgun and a walkie-talkie, referred to as WT-1. This unit was completely concealed in the victim's auto, which was surveilled from his residence to the pay-off spot by car #15, the command car, and car #284.

Car #15, containing three agents equipped with a shotgun, took a position on Hempstead Turnpike about 250 feet east of Gate 6. Car #284, containing two Agents equipped with a machine gun, took a position 200 feet west of Gate 6 on Hempstead Turnpike. One agent was detailed to remain at the victim's residence to handle any phone calls that might be directed there by the subject.

The sound truck, established as unit #1, with three agents concealed in the rear, at approximately 7:00 p.m. proceeded to a point about twenty yards inside Gate 6 on the east side of the drive; the driver emerged from the truck and took cover in the track watchman's office on the west side of the drive, thirty feet in from Gate 6. Unit #1 was equipped with a machine gun and three mild ray lamps. The agents concealed in this unit had an unobstructed view of the victim's auto, as did the driver, who had stationed himself in the watchman's office.

Car #14, containing three agents, drove into the track at approximately 7:00 p.m. and the agents, equipped with a walkie-talkie, designated for identification purposes as WT-2, took cover in a glass-enclosed porch of a cottage fifty feet east of Gate 6 from which they also could observe the pay-off scene.

In a one room office building on the west side of Gate 6 driveway, about 100 feet north of the gate, two agents stationed themselves. From this building they also had a view of Gate 6 and the pay-off scene. In barn #14, eighty feet north of Gate 6 and twenty feet to the west of the driveway, one agent stationed himself. In barn #7, directly west of barn #14, another agent stationed himself. From these two positions, the area directly west of the pay-off scene was fully covered.

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At approximately 7:15 p.m., car #13 took cover in the area where the Gate 6 drive forms a T intersection with a drive running north and south through the stable area. This car was in a position to observe anyone approaching Gate 6 from the stable area.

Car #10 containing two agents was established at Biltmore Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike, and car #84, containing two agents, took position at the intersection of Fieldmere Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike. Biltmore Avenue dead-ends into the south side of Hempstead Turnpike about forty feet west of Gate 6, and Fieldmere Avenue dead-ends into the south side of Hempstead Turnpike about thirty feet west of Gate 6.

Two agents took cover in a diner located on the southeast corner of Fieldmere Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike, and two agents stationed themselves in a bar and grill on the southeast corner of Biltmore Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike. From these positions the agents could observe anyone approaching Gate 6.

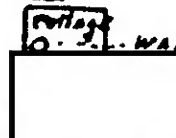
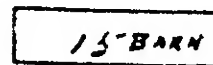
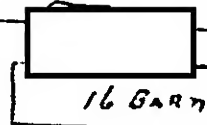
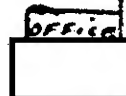
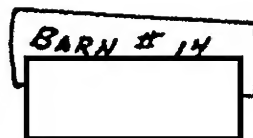
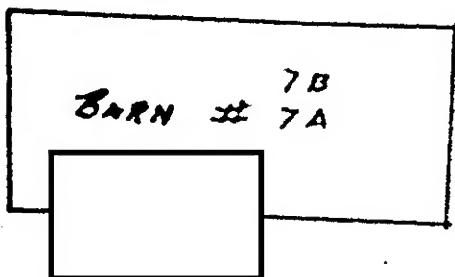
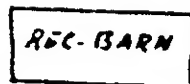
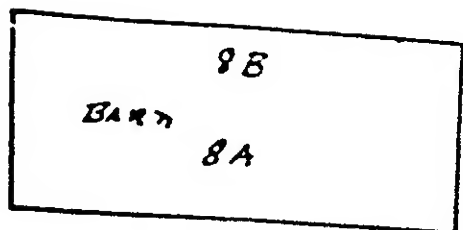
All automobiles used on this surveillance were equipped with two-way radios and radio station WFBV was on the air to handle all ground calls from agents on foot. During the course of the entire surveillance, perfect contact was maintained between the radio cars, the sound truck, the walkie-talkie, and station WFBV.

There is being inserted in the following page of this report a diagram which sets forth the position of the automobiles and agents utilized in covering the pay-off.

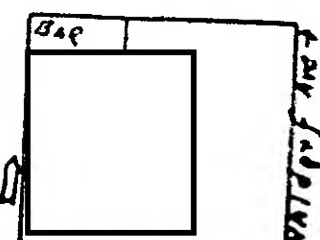
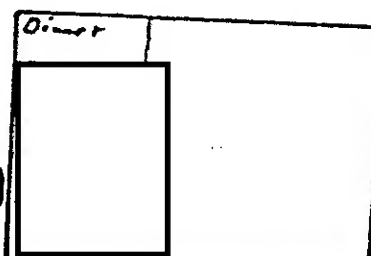
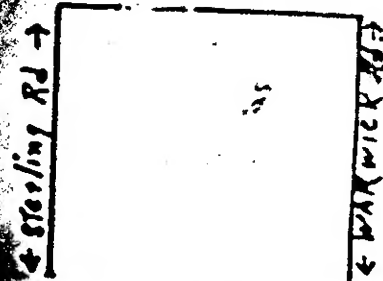
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At approximately 8:00 p.m., a youth about fifteen to sixteen years of age, wearing a blue sweater, was observed approaching Gate 6 by Agent [redacted]. The youth walked slowly passed the victim's auto and Agent [redacted] noticed that the youth glanced furtively at the auto as he walked by. The youth was observed by Agent [redacted] as he slowly walked up Gate 6 drive a distance of 240 feet, where the drive forms a T intersection with a road running east and west through the stable area.

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SA [redacted] who had stationed himself in the track watchmen's office, also observed this youth as he wandered through Gate 6 past the victim's car and up the driveway. Agent [redacted] by telephone, communicated with station WFTV the fact that he had also observed this youth standing on the south side of Hempstead Turnpike directly opposite Gate 6 from approximately 7:45 p.m. on that evening.

As the youth approached the T intersection at the northern end of Gate 6 drive, he came into the view of Agents [redacted] who communicated this fact by radio to the command car. The youth was observed hovering around that area for a few minutes looking back in the direction of Gate 6. He then proceeded to walk through the stable area in a southerly direction, and Agent [redacted] was instructed to follow on foot. The youth, as he walked through the track area, constantly looked behind and from the shadow of trees and bushes, stopped to observe the pay-off spot. He eventually emerged from the track area via Gate 6 and walked west on Hempstead Turnpike to the entrance to Gate 6, where he hesitated and walked across Hempstead Turnpike to a point opposite Gate 6.

The youth at this point was in clear vision of car #11 which had taken a position west of Gate 6. Approximately 25 minutes had elapsed and during this period the youth was in the constant view of agents surveilling the pay-off scene.

At approximately 8:25 p.m. the youth started to walk south on Fieldstone Avenue away from the track. An agent from car #10 and an agent from car #84 joined in the surveillance. Car #284 also joined the surveillance, having been

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dispatched by radio, and when it became apparent at 8:30 p.m. that the suspect was not going to return to the scene of the pay-off, and since it was now completely dark, the agents surveilling the youth on foot were instructed, through instructions dispatched to car #284, to close in on the youth and question him.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., about two blocks south of Hempstead Turnpike on Fieldmore Avenue, SAS [redacted] approached the youth, removed a Remington-Union City cap pistol from his person (this pistol was lodged in the youth's belt between his shirt and trousers), and questioned him in Bureau car #284.

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At approximately 9:00 p.m., in the presence of SA [redacted] the youth admitted mailing an extortion note to Mr. VANDERBILT on stationery that he had obtained from his sister, [redacted]. The youth also stated that he was fifteen years of age.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. on the evening of May 10, 1951, SA [redacted] telephonically contacted FRANK J. PARKER, United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York, and advised him of the basic facts of this case and requested Mr. PARKER's opinion as to what disposition should be made of the subject. Mr. PARKER instructed that subject be permitted to return to the home of his parents for the evening of May 10, 1951 until the morning of May 11, 1951, at which time he be picked up by agents of the Bureau and brought to his office.

On May 11, 1951, SA [redacted] and the writer picked up the subject at his home at [redacted]. At that time the subject's older sister, [redacted] admitted giving him a piece of stationery identical with that used to write the extortion note, and she furnished samples of this paper to the writer. [redacted] stated that this stationery had been given to her as a Christmas gift.

The subject, accompanied by his mother, was driven to the New York Office where he was fingerprinted and photographed. Handwriting specimens were also obtained, as was a

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signed statement in which the subject admitted writing and mailing the extortion letter previously set forth in this report to Mr. VANDERBILT. Subject insisted that it was his own idea and that he had no accomplices. He stated that he had gotten the idea to write to Mr. VANDERBILT from a magazine article he had read about Mr. VANDERBILT. Subject stated that he had never been in trouble before, but it was ascertained that in June 1950 he ran away from home and did not return until November 1950, when he was picked up by police in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania for being on the streets at twelve o'clock midnight.

At 11:30 a.m. on May 11, 1951, subject was taken to the office of Assistant United States Attorney PHILLIP HIRSCH, Eastern District of New York, where he was interviewed in the presence of his mother, and the nature of the charge against him was explained. [REDACTED] Probation Officer, Eastern District of New York, was advised of the fact that the subject, a youth, was in custody.

On May 11, 1951, an authorized complaint was filed before United States Commissioner EDWARD FAY, Eastern District of New York, by the writer, charging the subject with violation of Title 18, Sections 5031 and 876, United States Code. The subject was arraigned and in default of \$1,000 bond, was remanded to the Federal House of Detention.

On May 16, 1951 the FBI Laboratory advised that two latent fingerprints developed on instant extortion letter were identified as prints of the subject, and it was also concluded in the specimens of subject's handwriting that the subject prepared instant extortion letter.

On May 17, 1951, the subject consented to be tried as a juvenile delinquent and an information was filed before United States Judge ROBERT A. INCH, Eastern District of New York, who appointed counsel and remanded the subject to the Federal House of Detention in default of \$1,000 bond. On May 21, 1951, the subject was tried as a juvenile delinquent in the chambers of Judge INCH, and was found guilty. On May 24, 1951, Judge INCH recommended that the subject be sent for the term of his minority to the Natural Bridge Camp, Greenlee Virginia.

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According to the FBI Identification Division,
subject, [REDACTED] has no previous criminal record.

The victim is described as follows:

Height	5'10"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Build	Slender
Age	37
Marital Status	Married
Residence	Broad Hollow, Jericho, Long Island

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ENCLOSURES - BUREAU

One disposition sheet on subject.
Three copies of parole report.

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REFERENCES

New York teletype to Bureau, 5/3/51
New York letter to Bureau, 5/4/51
Bureau teletype to New York, 5/4/51
Bureau letter to New York, 5/5/51
New York teletype to Bureau, 5/11/51

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REPORT MADE AT **NEW YORK** NY FILE NO. **9-1673** OF **88**

REPORT MADE AT **NEW YORK** DATE WHEN MADE **7/5/51** REPORT MADE BY

INVESTIGATION
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

PAROLE REPORT

DETAILS OF OFFENSE

On May 2, 1951, at Elmont, New York, the subject, a youth fifteen years of age, mailed a letter to Mr. A. VANDERBILT, Belmont Race Track, Elmont, Long Island, New York, directing VANDERBILT to appear at Gate 6 on May 10, 1951 and bring with him \$10,000 or he killed.

On May 17, 1951, subject was arraigned on an information before Federal Judge ROBERT A. INCH, Eastern District of New York, as a juvenile delinquent, in violation of Title 18, Sections 5031 and 876, United States Code. On May 21, 1951, subject was found guilty in a trial before Judge INCH, and on May 24, 1951 Judge INCH recommended that the subject be sentenced to the term of his minority to the Natural Bridge Camp, Greenlee, Virginia.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

The subject not only mailed an extortion note to the victim with a threat to kill him, but he also appeared at the scene of the pay-off and although he did not approach the victim directly, he acted in such a way as to draw attention to himself, and when he was picked up for questioning by agents of the FBI it was noted that he was carrying a

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Hopalong Cassidy cap pistol which, if drawn during the period of an evening when it is dusk, could have resembled a real revolver.

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[REDACTED] - SUBJECT, ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VIC-
TIM, EXTORTION. SUBJECT TRIED AS A JUVENILE DELINQUENT IN CHAMBERS OF
FEDERAL JUDGE ROBERT A. INCH, EDNY, AND FOUND GUILTY THIS DATE.
SENTENCE TO BE IMPOSED MAY TWENTYFOURTH AT TEN AM.

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[REDACTED]

May 23, 1951

WORLD 20

Mr. Alfred S. Vanderbilt
170 Lexington Building
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Vanderbilt:

Thank you for your note of May 17, 1951,
and for your excellent comments concerning the
manner in which our representatives conducted the
investigation of the recent extortion case in which
you were involved.

We were glad to hear of your thoughtful in writing us
and all of us in the FBI are pleased to
overcome your obstruction. Whenever we can again
be of any use, please do not hesitate to call upon
us.

Sincerely yours,

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cc - New York

At 12:15 PM on May 6, 1951, Mr. Vanderbilt received an extortion
note from a fifteen year old boy and the case was brought to
a successful conclusion.

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Handwritten signatures and stamps, including "JUN 19 1951" and "RECEIVED".

ALFRED DWYNE VANDERBILT
 608 CHRYSLER BUILDING
 NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
 MURRAY HILL 4-1100

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

May 17, 1951

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wanted you to know of my appreciation for the very efficient manner in which your organization handled the recent extortion case involving me. It gave a great feeling of security for my family and me to know this was handled so effectively.

I was very much impressed with the FBI personnel with whom I came in contact during the investigation. I think it is a tribute to you and the fine organization which you direct.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Alfred D. Vanderbilt

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Director, FBI

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FEDERAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT

On your information, the above-captioned subject who was
born [Redacted] Brooklyn, New York was arrested by
SA [Redacted] on May 21, 1951. He was charged with
violation of the Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act and remanded in lieu
of \$10,000 to the Federal House of Detention in New York City, New York.
[Redacted] Probation Officer, Eastern District of New York was immediately advised of this arrest.

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May 23, 1951

Mr. Spencer J. Drayton
President
Thoroughbred Racing Protective
League, Inc.
20 Chrysler Building
New York 1, New York

Dear Spencer:

Thank you for your very thoughtful note of May 18, 1951, advising of your conversation with Alfred W. Vanderbilt. You were indeed kind in calling to my attention his favorable comments on the Bureau's handling of the recent extortion case in which he was the victim.

I thought you might like to know that he has also communicated with me in this same regard and it was reassuring to have his observations.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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SPENCER J. DRAYTON

920 Chrysler Building
New York, New York
May 18, 1951

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Alden	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Laughlin	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you would be interested to know that I have talked with Alfred Vanderbilt concerning the extortion case in which he was interested. He made many favorable comments in regard to the manner in which the FBI handled this investigation, and I am sure he is impressed with the efficiency of the Bureau under your direction.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards,
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Spencer J. Drayton

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

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Director, FBI

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SUBJECT

JOHN EDWARD BREWSTER - VICTIM

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Rebulet May 3, 4, 8, and 11, 1951, your file
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Five latent fingerprints on #1 and two latent
fingerprints on #2. Five latent fingerprints on #1
eliminated as fingerprints of [Redacted] Two
latent fingerprints on #2 identified as fingerprints of
subject [Redacted] No identification
could be located for [Redacted]

Fingerprints submitted with urlet of May 4th
re: [Redacted].

This confirms Bulet of May 5 and 14, 1951.

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Re: Subject;
ALFRED GWINNE VANDERBILT, Victim
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File # 9-20514
Lab. # D-132062 DJ

LAB. FILE

Examination requested by: New York (9-1673)

Date of reference communication: Let. 5-11-51

Date received: 5-14-51

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

K23 An envelope and three sheets of paper bearing hw. specimens of

ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of suspect, to
be compared with latents in case.

ENCLOSURE

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

New York

Field Division

2/1/52

(Date)

Title and Character of Case

ALFRED

GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VictimEXTORTION; JUVENILE DELINQUENCYACT

Field Division File Number

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Bureau File Number

9-20514

Description of Property Being Held

1 toy cap gun

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition

5/10/51 - incidental to arrest

Source from Which Property Acquired

Subject at time of arrest

Location of Property

Exhibit Vault

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to Dispose of It

To be destroyed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. B. NICHOLS *LB*
FROM : R. T. HARBO *RTH*
SUBJECT: Unsub;
Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, Vic.
Extortion
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DATE: 9-19-53

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There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section. *NOT TO BE RECORDED*

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: Subject;
ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT, Victim
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File # 9-20511
Lab. # D-132062 DJ

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LAP. FILE

Examination requested by: New York (9-1673)

Date of reference communication: Int. 5-11-51

Date received: 5-24-51

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

K23 An envelope and three sheets of paper bearing h.w. specimens of

ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of

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SAC, New York

May 14, 1951

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 14, 1951. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of May 14, 1951.

[REDACTED]
ALICE [REDACTED] [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1673
FBI FILE NO. 9-20514
LAB. NO. 9-132062 17

Examination requested by New York
Reference Letter 5-11-51
Examination requested Document - Fingerprint
Specimens

Q1 in envelope and three sheets of paper bearing handwriting specimens of [REDACTED]
Also furnished: Fingerprint card of [REDACTED]
Result of examination:

It was concluded that [REDACTED] 3, prepared the handwriting on Q1 and Q2.

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

Specimen K23 is returned herewith. Photographs of [REDACTED] are retained in the files of the Laboratory.

Inclosure - [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheetb6
b7CRe: Subject;
ALFRED CATHERINE VANDERBILT, Victim
VINNYFile # 9-20514
Lab. # D-132062 DJ

LAB. FILE

Examination requested by: New York (9-1673)

Date of reference communication: Let. 5-11-51

Date received: 5-14-51

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Specimens submitted for examinationK73 An envelope and three sheets of paper bearing hw. specimens of Also submitted: Fingerprint card of

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DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HARBO
FBI LABORATORY
SAC, NEW YORK

May 11, 1951.

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[REDACTED] Subject;
ALFRED WINNE VANDERBILT, Victim
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Request Document-Fingerprint examination.

There are enclosed specimens of Subject's handwriting contained on three individual sheets of paper similar to paper on which extortion note was written. There is enclosed also an envelope similar to that in which instant extortion letter was contained. This envelope bears handwriting of Subject.

There is also enclosed a sheet of Subject's fingerprints.
Futel results requested of examination.

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See also: 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949, 1950-1951, 1952-1953, 1954-1955, 1956-1957, 1958-1959, 1960-1961, 1962-1963, 1964-1965, 1966-1967, 1968-1969, 1970-1971, 1972-1973, 1974-1975, 1976-1977, 1978-1979, 1980-1981, 1982-1983, 1984-1985, 1986-1987, 1988-1989, 1990-1991, 1992-1993, 1994-1995, 1996-1997, 1998-1999, 2000-2001, 2002-2003, 2004-2005, 2006-2007, 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2016-2017, 2018-2019, 2020-2021, 2022-2023, 2024-2025, 2026-2027, 2028-2029, 2030-2031, 2032-2033, 2034-2035, 2036-2037, 2038-2039, 2040-2041, 2042-2043, 2044-2045, 2046-2047, 2048-2049, 2050-2051, 2052-2053, 2054-2055, 2056-2057, 2058-2059, 2060-2061, 2062-2063, 2064-2065, 2066-2067, 2068-2069, 2070-2071, 2072-2073, 2074-2075, 2076-2077, 2078-2079, 2080-2081, 2082-2083, 2084-2085, 2086-2087, 2088-2089, 2090-2091, 2092-2093, 2094-2095, 2096-2097, 2098-2099, 2100-2101, 2102-2103, 2104-2105, 2106-2107, 2108-2109, 2110-2111, 2112-2113, 2114-2115, 2116-2117, 2118-2119, 2120-2121, 2122-2123, 2124-2125, 2126-2127, 2128-2129, 2130-2131, 2132-2133, 2134-2135, 2136-2137, 2138-2139, 2140-2141, 2142-2143, 2144-2145, 2146-2147, 2148-2149, 2150-2151, 2152-2153, 2154-2155, 2156-2157, 2158-2159, 2160-2161, 2162-2163, 2164-2165, 2166-2167, 2168-2169, 2170-2171, 2172-2173, 2174-2175, 2176-2177, 2178-2179, 2180-2181, 2182-2183, 2184-2185, 2186-2187, 2188-2189, 2190-2191, 2192-2193, 2194-2195, 2196-2197, 2198-2199, 2200-2201, 2202-2203, 2204-2205, 2206-2207, 2208-2209, 2210-2211, 2212-2213, 2214-2215, 2216-2217, 2218-2219, 2220-2221, 2222-2223, 2224-2225, 2226-2227, 2228-2229, 2230-2231, 2232-2233, 2234-2235, 2236-2237, 2238-2239, 2240-2241, 2242-2243, 2244-2245, 2246-2247, 2248-2249, 2250-2251, 2252-2253, 2254-2255, 2256-2257, 2258-2259, 2260-2261, 2262-2263, 2264-2265, 2266-2267, 2268-2269, 2270-2271, 2272-2273, 2274-2275, 2276-2277, 2278-2279, 2280-2281, 2282-2283, 2284-2285, 2286-2287, 2288-2289, 2290-2291, 2292-2293, 2294-2295, 2296-2297, 2298-2299, 2300-2301, 2302-2303, 2304-2305, 2306-2307, 2308-2309, 2310-2311, 2312-2313, 2314-2315, 2316-2317, 2318-2319, 2320-2321, 2322-2323, 2324-2325, 2326-2327, 2328-2329, 2330-2331, 2332-2333, 2334-2335, 2336-2337, 2338-2339, 2340-2341, 2342-2343, 2344-2345, 2346-2347, 2348-2349, 2350-2351, 2352-2353, 2354-2355, 2356-2357, 2358-2359, 2360-2361, 2362-2363, 2364-2365, 2366-2367, 2368-2369, 2370-2371, 2372-2373, 2374-2375, 2376-2377, 2378-2379, 2380-2381, 2382-2383, 2384-2385, 2386-2387, 2388-2389, 2390-2391, 2392-2393, 2394-2395, 2396-2397, 2398-2399, 2400-2401, 2402-2403, 2404-2405, 2406-2407, 2408-2409, 2410-2411, 2412-2413, 2414-2415, 2416-2417, 2418-2419, 2420-2421, 2422-2423, 2424-2425, 2426-2427, 2428-2429, 2430-2431, 2432-2433, 2434-2435, 2436-2437, 2438-2439, 2440-2441, 2442-2443, 2444-2445, 2446-2447, 2448-2449, 2450-2451, 2452-2453, 2454-2455, 2456-2457, 2458-2459, 2460-2461, 2462-2463, 2464-2465, 2466-2467, 2468-2469, 2470-2471, 2472-2473, 2474-2475, 2476-2477, 2478-2479, 2480-2481, 2482-2483, 2484-2485, 2486-2487, 2488-2489, 2490-2491, 2492-2493, 2494-2495, 2496-2497, 2498-2499, 2500-2501, 2502-2503, 2504-2505, 2506-2507, 2508-2509, 2510-2511, 2512-2513, 2514-2515, 2516-2517, 2518-2519, 2520-2521, 2522-2523, 2524-2525, 2526-2527, 2528-2529, 2530-2531, 2532-2533, 2534-2535, 2536-2537, 2538-2539, 2540-2541, 2542-2543, 2544-2545, 2546-2547, 2548-2549, 2550-2551, 2552-2553, 2554-2555, 2556-2557, 2558-2559, 2560-2561, 2562-2563, 2564-2565, 2566-2567, 2568-2569, 2570-2571, 2572-2573, 2574-2575, 2576-2577, 2578-2579, 2580-2581, 2582-2583, 2584-2585, 2586-2587, 2588-2589, 2590-2591, 2592-2593, 2594-2595, 2596-2597, 2598-2599, 2600-2601, 2602-2603, 2604-2605, 2606-2607, 2608-2609, 2610-2611, 2612-2613, 2614-2615, 2616-2617, 2618-2619, 2620-2621, 2622-2623, 2624-2625, 2626-2627, 2628-2629, 2630-2631, 2632-2633, 2634-2635, 2636-2637, 2638-2639, 2640-2641, 2642-2643, 2644-2645, 2646-2647, 2648-2649, 2650-2651, 2652-2653, 2654-2655, 2656-2657, 2658-2659, 2660-2661, 2662-2663, 2664-2665, 2666-2667, 2668-2669, 2670-2671, 2672-2673, 2674-2675, 2676-2677, 2678-2679, 2680-2681, 2682-2683, 2684-2685, 2686-26

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May 14, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

[REDACTED] ALFRED GWYNNE VAN DERBILT, VIKING.

REURLET MAY 11, 1951. CONCLUDED Q ONE AND TWO BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TWO LITTLE FINGERS ON C TWO IDENTIFIED
AS FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT.

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REURLET
MAY 11, 1951
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REPORT
of the

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: New York

May 11, 1951

Here follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 10, 1951. The report contains and supplements the Bureau letter of May 10, 1951.

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 100-1073
FBI FILE NO. 100-20,114
LAB. NO. 1-131756 14

Examination requested by New York

Reference: New York - 100-1073

Examination requested: 100-1073 - 11a or print

Specimens:

100-1073 - 11a or print; 100-1073 - 11a or print; 100-1073 - 11a or print

100-1073 - 11a or print

A definite conclusion was not reached as to whether the signature was by J. Edgar Hoover, K22, or [redacted] - 100-1073, whose signature appears on his 100-1073 card, as to the nature of the known handwriting which is not at all comparable with the specimen.

Two 100-1073 fingerprints were compared with 100-1073 fingerprints but no identification.

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100-1073 - 11a or print

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100-1073 - 11a or print

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: [redacted]
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File # D-2012
Lab. # D-13188: 10

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Examination requested by: New York (D-1373)

Date of reference communication: Oct 1-5-51

Examination requested: [redacted] report

Date received: 1-10-51

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Specimens submitted for examination

1. 100 [redacted] card for [redacted]

[redacted] bearing his own signature.

Director, FBI
Att: Assistant Director ROLF T. HARBO,
FBI Laboratory
SAC, New York
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LAB. NO. D 131696 DJ

May 8, 1951

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There is enclosed, for document fingerprint examination in connection with the above-captioned subject, a fingerprint card for [REDACTED], an employee of the victim at Belmont Park Race Track.

It is also suggested that the fingerprint card of [REDACTED] be afforded a document fingerprint examination. [REDACTED] also is an employee of the victim.

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REGISTERED MAIL

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re:

File #
Lab. #

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Examination requested by: 200-100-100

Date of reference communication: 2 May 1991

Date Received: 11-1

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

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May 11, 1951

To: _____

The report of the FBI Laboratory on the
testimony received from your office on May 1,
1967, is being reviewed and supplements the Bureau's
report dated May 1, 1967.

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, D. ...

TO FILE NO. 100-1214
IN FILE NO. 100-1213 IN

10-11-78

Reference: 100-100000-1

Examination DATE:

Specimens

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of his known writing which consists only of signatures. These signatures are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned handwriting.

It is noted that item one in reference letter is described as being a two-page letter while actually it consists of two one-page letters which have been stapled together.

In accordance with your request specimens 120 and 121 are returned herewith. Appropriate photographic copies of these documents are retained in the files of the laboratory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO
Director, FBI

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
FBI - VICTIM
MEMPHIS

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-131933 DJ

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Examination requested by: SAC Baltimore 9-260

Date of reference communication: Letter 5/6/51

Date Received: 5/17/51

Examination requested: Identical

Result of Examination:

Examination by

Specimens submitted for examination

1. A three-page letter dated 5/1/51, written from A. J. L.,

1221 61st St., Long Island City, New York, a four-page letter dated 5/11/51,

all bearing the purported known writing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Also one copy of an

"Employee's history record" and five copies headed "Alfred G. Vanderbilt

"Employee's history record" bearing the known signatures of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

2. Five copies headed "Alfred G. Vanderbilt 'Employee's history record'", one copy of "Employee's

"Employee's history record", and one "Employee's history record, Irvington Certificate", all

bearing the known signatures of ALFRED G. VANDERBILT.

Return Evidence

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UNSUB, [redacted] VANDERBILT,
Victim
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1. W. Moore Harris, Alendon, Md., furnished the following material which contains specimens of the sand stone of WEST R. J. and J. H. HARRIS:

1. The letter dated 3/1/48 written from 624 Newberry St., Chicago, Illinois, to the "Dear Friend" and signed "John" was returned to the sender on March 18, 1947. I

2. ~~1944 - 1945 - 1946 letter from~~

3. A four-page letter written by [redacted] and concerning the salutation [redacted] dated 7/1/59 from [redacted]

It is to be noted that the above three letters are reported to have been written by HAROLD JAMES to [redacted] at the Sagamore Arms.

h. In addition to the above [redacted] furnished one copy of the "Employee's History Record" bearing the signature of SA [redacted].

5. Five copies of yellow accounting-type paper headed "Alfred C. Vanderbilt, Inc." table" which bears the signature of [redacted] These sheets are for travelling expenses for the periods ending Jan. 15, 1951; Jan. 31, 1951; Feb. 15, 1951; Feb. 27, 1951; and Mar. 15, 1951.

6. Name of employee's History Record bearing the signature

7. "Employer's withholding exemption certificate" bearing the signature of the employer.

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Re: UNCUB, ALBERT G YVES VANDERBILT
Victim
EXTORTION

The above listed material is being forwarded to the Laboratory for an examination which has been requested by the New York Office.

[redacted] who furnished the above material, requested that all of it be returned to him when it has served its purpose. He also advised that these were the only available handwriting specimens of ERNEST J. B. and LESTER SUREYAY.

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" Dear Mr. Lindor Salt with
1 lb. of salt. I have
been to cement N. Y.
and - etc.

" Mr. J. H. H. 1 lb. of salt
Dear Mr. James H.
Cunningham, N. Y. I have
been to cement. Last week
no

" The morning -
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MAY 10, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

UNSUB., ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT; VIKEX. REURLET MAY EIGHT. DEFINITE
CONCLUSION NOT REACHED WITHIN LETTER AND ENVELOPE WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
ZERO AS SIGNATURES ON THEIR FINGERPRINT CARDS LIMITED AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY
COMPARABLE. TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LETTER COMPARED WITH FINGERPRINTS
[REDACTED] AND NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

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MAY 4, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK

MEMO; RE: J. GUYTON VANDERBILT - VIENNA. REURLET MAY THRU
NO ID REINFORCE EFFECTED SEARCH ANONYMOUS. LETTER FILE.
PORTION OF US GOVERNMENT WATERMARK CONTAINED IN PAPER U.
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ENCLOSURE
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

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Examination requested by:

Date of reference communication:

Date Received:

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

Also submitted: Imprint cards of ALVIN COLIN KARPIS and JAMES EARL RAY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

Received 5/7/51 ph

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ALFRED GWINNE VANDERBILT--VICTIM
Extortion.File #
Lab. # P-131722 DJL b File

Examination requested by: SAC, New York 9-1673

Date of reference communication: letter 5/4/51

Date Received: 5/5/51

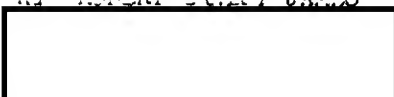
Examination requested: Document & fingerprint

Result of Examination:

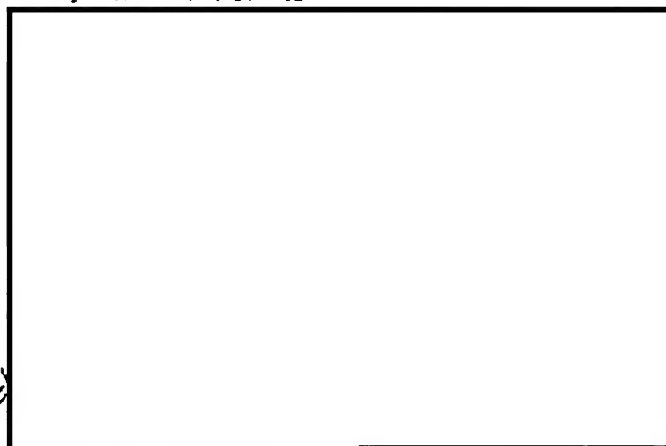
Examination by: Specimens submitted for examination

Fingerprint card of the following individuals bearing their known handwriting:

K1 ALBERT ALBERT JAMES



K5 ALBERT ALBERT JAMES

Also submitted: Fingerprint cards of

Director, FBI

May 4, 1951

SAC, New York Att. Asst. Dir. Harbo,
FBI Laboratory

UNSUB;
ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

ReNYlet to Bureau, 5/3/51, enclosing extortion
letter addressed to victim.

There are enclosed applicant fingerprint cards
bearing signatures of the following individuals who are
employed in the victim's stables at Belmont Park Race
Track, Elmont, New York:

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ROBERT ERNEST JAMES

LESTER MURRAY

It is requested that the handwriting contained on
the fingerprint cards of the above-mentioned individuals be
compared with the handwriting in instant letter and that any
latent prints developed from instant letter also be compared
with the prints contained on the enclosed cards.

Rolet was handled by [redacted]
at the victim's stables, and [redacted]
[redacted] There are enclosed fingerprint cards for each of
these individuals for elimination purposes.

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Letter to Director
NY 9-1673

It is requested that upon the completion of the above examinations that these cards be returned to the NY Office inasmuch as they were obtained from the Thoroughbred Racing Detective Association.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

May 5, 1951

Here follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of a letter received from your office on May 4, 1951. This report confirms and supplies the information telegraphed of May 4, 1951.

Re: Unknown Subject
J. EDGAR HOOVER
FBI

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO.

D-131090

Examination requested by:

NY 100

Reference

Letter dated 4-3-51

Examination requested

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens

- 1 Envelope addressed to Mr. A. VANDERBILT, Belmont Race Track, Belmont, New York, New York, postmarked May 3, 1951, 7:30 A.M.
- 2 Accompanying letter beginning "Dear Mr. A. VANDERBILT: You will see to it that..." ending "I. S. this is no joke."

Results of examination:

1 and 2 were compared with the appropriate sections of the known and unknown specimens, effecting an identification. Appropriate photographic copies of these documents are being added to this file for future reference for comparison purposes.

1 is a small, rectangular envelope which is white in color with a blue lining on the inside. This lining has a small, rectangular, blue-lined area in the center. This envelope was received by the Laboratory on May 4, 1951, and was found to be identical to the specimen received by the Laboratory on May 4, 1951.

2 is a small, rectangular, white paper which measures approximately 10 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches. The paper has a fragmentary watermark which appears to be the Great Seal of the United States, which is used on letters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

ENCLOSURE - 100-100-100 - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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1 and 2 were treated for latent fingerprints by the [redacted] b7E
[redacted] and you will be advised separately regarding the results of
the fingerprint examination. Neither of these documents was treated
[redacted] such as this process would alter the original
evidence in a way that the subject would observe the change
in the event it is necessary to return these documents to him. In
the event 1 and 2 are not returned to the subject, you may desire
to resubmit them to the laboratory in order that they may be treated
for latent fingerprints by [redacted]

Specimens 1 and 2 are returned herewith. Photographic copies
of these specimens are retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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...and the fact that the *Journal* is a journal of the American Psychological Association, the largest and most influential of the professional organizations in the field of psychology, is a source of great strength and authority.

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Director, FBI
Att: Ass't Dir. HARBO, FBI Laboratory
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May 3, 1951

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ALFRED GYNNNE VANDERBILT - VICTIM
EXTORTION

There is enclosed an anonymous letter addressed to Mr. A. VANDERBILT, Belmont Racetrack, Elmont, Long Island, New York, postmarked May 3, 7:30 A.M., 1951, which reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. A. VANDERBILT

"You will meet me at gate 6 of the Belmont racetrack. With 10 thousand dollars in cash you will be along in your car at 8 o'clock P.M. May 10 if you tell anyone I will kill you and whoever you tell and if you do not have the money I will kill you.

"P. S. this is not a joke."

It is requested that this letter be processed for latent prints and also that the handwriting be compared with the anonymous letter file. Elimination prints of the known individuals who handled the letter as well as prints of suspects and handwritten signatures of the latter will be forwarded 5/4/51 for comparison with any latent prints developed and with the handwriting in the anonymous letter.

It is also requested that this letter be immediately returned to the New York Division in the event the subject should request the victim to return it.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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OCTOBER 16, 1953

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC
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RE: ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, VIKEX. LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED
ON ADMITTED EXTORTION NOTE. CONFIRMING.

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[REDACTED] EXTORTION. RE NEW YORK TEL
DECEMBER SIX LAST. BUFILE REFLECT NEW YORK DIVISION
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[REDACTED] EXTORTION. FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED FROM ALBANY THIS DATE, "NEW YORK STATE DEPT. OF CORRECTION RECEIVED TELETYPE TODAY FROM STRATFORD, CONN. TELETYPE NO. TWO FIVE EIGHT, FILE THIRTEEN, ADVISING HOLDING ABOVE NAMED SUBJECT. CLAIMS TO BE ON PROBATION FOR EXTORTION. [REDACTED] NO RECORD ALBANY". NO RECORD NYC. BUREAU PLEASE ADVISE.

Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm

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[REDACTED] SENTENCED EDNY, MAY TWENTY FOUR, FIFTY ONE AS JUVENILE DELINQUENT FOR TERM OF MAJORITY FOR EXTORTION ATTEMPT ON ALFRED [REDACTED] WANDERFILT.

Mr. [REDACTED]

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NEW HAVEN ADVISED BY TELETYPE ALBANY ADVISED BY MAIL
HOLD FILE

F. B. I. Seizes Boy With Toy Gun For Vanderbilt Extortion Threat

In a case marked by the utmost secrecy, a frightened 15-year-old Nassau County schoolboy was brought into Brooklyn Federal Court yesterday to face a charge of seeking to extort \$10,000 from Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, society and race track figure.

The youngster, whose identity was withheld, had sent a letter to Mr. Vanderbilt threatening to take the sportsman's life if the money was not forthcoming. He had only a toy pistol on him when arrested by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on Thursday night.

But he was sent to the Federal House of Detention last night when he failed to post the \$1,000 bail set after an arrangement was made with State Commissioner Edward H. Fay.

Mr. Vanderbilt received the detention. He said the prisoner might face the formal charge of extortion next week. If convicted, the boy could be sentenced to twenty years in prison and be fined \$5,000.

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FBI Seizes Boy Trying to Levy on A. G. Vanderbilt

NEW YORK, May 11 (U.P.).—A 15-year-old boy has been arrested on charges of threatening the life of wealthy sportsman Alfred G. Vanderbilt in an attempt to extort \$10,000 from him, Federal officials said today.

FBI agents seized the youth at Pelmont race track, where Vanderbilt was instructed in a note to bring the money.

They found a toy gun on the boy.

On direction of United States Attorney Frank Parker, FBI agents turned the youth over to his parents last night. Officials refused to reveal the boy's name.

United States Commissioner Edward Fay ordered him held today under \$10,000 bond on charges of violating the Juvenile Delinquency Act rather than on charges of extortion.

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Youth Is Seized After Threat To Kill Vanderbilt

NEW YORK, May 11 (AP)—A 15-year-old boy who intended to extort \$10,000 from wealthy sportsman Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt at Belmont race track on threat of killing him has been arrested, the FBI announced today.

The youth was arrested last night. His identity was not disclosed. He was placed in his parents' custody pending possible court action.

Carries Toy Cap Pistol

Edward F. Schmidt, special agent for the New York FBI, said the boy sent a letter May 3 demanding the money from Vanderbilt. The pay-off was to be at gate 6 of Belmont race track at 8 p.m. last night.

The boy, dressed in a blue sweater and blue jeans and carrying a toy cap pistol, waited near the gate.

He admitted writing the note, and said he got the idea after seeing Vanderbilt's photograph in a racing magazine two weeks ago, Schmidt reported.

Schmidt said the note read in part:

"If you or anyone I will kill you and whoever you tell and if you do not have the money I will kill you."

"This Is No Joke"

The note a postscript saying:

"This is no joke."

The boy lives in Elmont, N. Y., near the track.

The note was addressed to the track and received there by Vanderbilt. The sportsman is a member of the Belmont track and one of the Maryland key club.

The boy was arrested after a search of the track.

A spokesman said he is the son of the late Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt who was in the sinking of the Lusitania and Mrs. Margaret Emerson, Bromo Seltzer heiress.

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Boy and Cap Gun Fail to Get Cash From Vanderbilt

NEW YORK, May 11 (NY
News) - A man was shot and
killed at a garage in New York today
as he pulled a .45-caliber pistol on a man.

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Agent saw the blue-headed boy was lucky he was not shot to death. In the intense light, he was difficult to spot. Had he made a move with the cap pistol, he would have seen the fire of the FBI men who had no way of knowing when they were dealing.

"This Is No Joke"

"I will kill you and whoever you tell and if you do not have the money I will kill you," read a letter received by Vanderbilt a few days later. It said the meeting place and bore a postscript which said: "This is no joke."

The box name also was with-

Vanderbilt is president of the International Hoine Association of the United States and chairman of Belmont Park and the N.Y.C.

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Had Read About Him

After his capture, he was quizzed by the FBI men for two hours, then was taken home. His mother sat up all night with him. At noon today he was taken to the U. S. attorney's office in Manhattan, where he was questioned for more than an hour. Then, in Brooklyn, the U. S. attorney questioned the boy for three hours. From it all came a statement that the boy got the idea of attempting to get the money from Vanderbilt from reading about him.

The charge against him is juvenile delinquency in that he mailed a threatening letter seeking to extort money. He was held in \$1,000 bail to await action of a federal judge next week.

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Extort Boy Faces 20 Yrs.

Special agents at the Federal House of Detention were provided overnight by a 15-year-old Nassau boy, who admitted a \$10,000 extortion attempt.

Alfred O. Vanderbilt, 26, jockey and race track notable, had received an extortion note on May 3 which threatened his life. The boy, armed with a big pistol, was seized Thursday at Belmont Race Track. If convicted, the boy faces 15 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

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Alfred O. Vanderbilt
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Eighth-Grader Who Demanded \$10,000 on Pain of Death Is Trapped by 20 Agents at Belmont

The policeman, who tries with all he has the money I will kill you." The punch and the letters left carried a postscript, "This is no bluff, I am far from the joke" heavily underlined.

Just before 8 p. m. the blond boy, 5 feet 2 inches tall, wearing a blue sweater and blue jeans and armed with a toy cap pistol, was taken into custody near the gate where he had been watching for some time. "It made us feel very silly," one of the F. B. I. agents said. "He had been watching yesterday at the racetrack, of course."

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Extortionist

Extortionist, who never
knew the boy's name, was
arrested.

Police officials said, before the boy admitted writing the note and said he got the idea of writing it after seeing Mr. Vanderbilt's picture in a racing magazine two weeks ago. He said

when Mr. Vanderbilt had money and had made no other friends, the Sheriff was off.

F. B. I. agents said the boy, who is 17 years old, was arrested when he was 16 years old and had been in the city for some time.

The boy was arrested in the United States. A. J. Parker and A. J. Parker, who had been prompted to act by the United States Attorney Philip

Extreme precautions were taken to keep his identity secret and only Mr. Parker, Mr. Hirsch, the boy's

mother, two F. B. I. agents and a clerk were present at the arraignment before Commissioner Fay.

Mr. Fay advised the youth of his rights and asked if a lawyer be retained. The boy refused and his lawyer, Mr. Hirsch, who had a pot of gold, paid for him and bail, then turned the case over to United States Marshal E. J. Connelley, who took him to the House of Detention, 247 West Street. Mr. Parker directed that the boy be segregated from adult prisoners.

Mr. Parker said the case would probably come up in a week and that in the meantime Conrad P. Friedman, chief probation officer

of the Eastern District, who interviewed the boy after his arrest, would be in charge of the case.

F. B. I. agents were warned, were confidential informants to determine if the boy had acted on his own initiative or had been prompted to act by an older person.

Mr. Vanderbilt, who was in Baltimore yesterday, could not be reached immediately for comment.

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Boy in Vanderbilt Threat Convicted; Faces 20 Years

New York was advised by teletype, the original of which has been sent to the Director, that the subject will be sentenced on 5/24/51. JAL.

NEW YORK, May 21 (NY) — A threatening letter to the president of the United States, one of the most serious threats ever received by the White House, was today found to be the work of a 17-year-old boy, a student at the Hotchkiss School in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The letter, which was found in a box in the boy's room, threatened to kill the president and his family.

Year Term

The boy, who is named John J. ... was today sentenced to a year in the state prison for the threat. The judge said the letter was "a very serious threat" and that the boy was "very dangerous."

The boy's father, who is a prominent businessman, said that his son was "a very bright boy" and that he was "very disappointed" in the sentence.

Had No Suspicion

The boy's father said that he had no suspicion of his son's involvement in the threat. He said that his son was "a very bright boy" and that he was "very disappointed" in the sentence. The boy's father said that he had no suspicion of his son's involvement in the threat.

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